Mat-Su Monitor

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STUDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSFER OF CREDITS EARNED AT MSCC

Many students have expressed concern about the transfer of college credit hours which they have earned at Mat-Su Community College. The following information was taken from the Board of Regents agenda to January 24-25, 1980 meeting with the amendment passed by the Board:

CREDIT HOUR TRANSFER POLICY

This policy affirms the basic right of every University of Alaska student in good standing to transfer his or her credits from one institution within the University to another.* Its basic aim is to facilitate the movement of students between institutions within the University and to insure their equitable treatment in the exercise of that right.

Course credit at the 100 and 200 levels from a University of Alaska Community College or Rural Education Center shall be accepted for full credit, up to a maximum of 72 semester hours, by the University's baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. Course credit transferred between Community Colleges within the University shall be accepted for full credit without limitation on the number of credit hours that may be transferred.

Course credit transferred from one of the University's baccalaureate degree-granting institutions to another, or credit at the 300, 400 and graduate levels from a Rural Education Center, shall be accepted at full credit.

Transfer students must fulfill the graduation and residency requirements of the institution from which they expect to receive a degree, including those that may be required for a particular program.

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* Good standing is defined as having a 2.0 ("C") or higher grade point average in previous course work.

MSCC 1980 Commencement

Caps and Gowns

All students planning to participate in the 1980 Spring Graduation ceremony should pick up their caps and gowns during the last week of the semester, APRIL 28-MAY 2. This will give each person time to insure the proper fitting and you may want to press the wrinkles out of the garments. See Rita or Judy to pick up your cap and gown. There is a $5.00 rental fee for use of these caps and gowns.

Graduation Date

The Commencement exercise will begin at 8 p.m. on MAY 9, 1980 at Palmer High School. The service will be held in the school's Little Theater. All student participants should be there by 7:30 p.m. You are encouraged to bring friends and relatives. Every student and family at MSCC is invited to attend and support this significant school function.

NOTE: Students that have not cleared their financial accounts with the college will not be permitted to graduate and will not receive their degree until all accounts (tuition, books, application fees) are paid in full.

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Suggestion Box

In the near future there will be a suggestion box placed in the school foyer. This box is for the use of all students, faculty and staff who wish to make any recommendations or suggestions to the college administration.

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Building Construction

Faculty and students are cautioned regarding driving and parking near the school building. Construction equipment and vehicles will become more concentrated near the new building site and parking space will become a premium. The administrators at MSCC apologize for any inconvenience but we feel that you will be just as proud of the new addition as we are, once it is finished. The school will be "bigger and better" for you - and because of you.

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Accreditation Team Visit

The Accreditation Team from the Northwest Association will arrive in the area on APRIL 28th. They will be visiting the school on APRIL 29-30. They will talk with faculty, staff and students and will sit in on many of the classes.

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THANKS EILEEN AND MARRIANNE

As most of you are aware by now, the Mat-Su Student Government Constitution has been approved by the student majority vote of 135 for to 5 against. Also, the MSCC Campus President has appointed a group of students to serve in various capacities until elections can be held in the fall semester, 1980.

Everyone at MSCC owes a great amount of appreciation and thanks to Eileen Haines and Marrianne Zak for their many months of hard work in starting the student government movement. Writing the MSCC Student Constitution and participation in the ratification processes. Much thanks to you two special people.

Unfortunately, Marrianne and Eileen are graduating on May 9 and will be moving on to bigger and greater academic experiences. We hope you will not forget MSCC. Please come back and visit us often. Your efforts at MSCC will always be remembered by the thousands of students that will benefit from your unselfish contributions.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Whereas the Constitution of the Matanuska-Susitna Community College Student Council was ratified on April 18, 1980, by a majority vote of 135 to 5 and in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Section 1. (c), all positions therein described shall be appointed by the Administration. Those persons appointed shall serve as acting officers until the general legislative election is held in the fall. The general legislative election shall be held the first month, last week of the fall semester.

The following persons are appointed to the positions indicated until the fall semester election. These selections were made on the recommendation of the student government advisor.

Rae Nelson	President
Michele Leonard	Vice President
Darlene Romer	Secretary
Arlene Bowman	Treasurer
Eileen Haines	Representative
Richard Helm	Representative
Penny Vogt	Representative
Phyllis Kirkpatrick	Representative
Phyllis Nielsen	Representative
Carol Losleben	Representative
Linda Hakenson	Representative

Alvin S. Okeson

HEY.....

TENTATIVE SUMMER SCHEDULE 1980

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Instructor	Time	Day	Loc.
ANTH 202	Cultural Anthropology	3	TBA	9-11a	M/W	MSCC
BA 151	Introduction to Business	3	TBA	7-9p	M/W	MSCC
JUST 120	Practicum	3	TBA	Arranged	Arranged	Arrang
MATH 055	Elementary Algebra	3	TBA	7-9p	M/W	MSCC
SPCH 111	Fund. of Oral Communication	3	TBA	7-9p	T/TH	MSCC
MATH 346	Math Concepts and Meth. for the Elem. School II	3	TBA	TBA	TBA	MSCC

This is a tentative schedule and is dependent on receipt of supplemental funding. If supplemental funding is received, classes will begin May 27. If not, classes will begin June 30 and classroom sessions will be changed from four hours per week to six hours per week.

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I would like to thank the following students for helping me (RAE NELSON) "man" the polling desk this past week. With your help and support, all students were given the opportunity to read the Constitution, ask questions and vote:

PENNY VOGT

EILEEN HAINES

ARLENE BOWMAN

MICHELE LEONARD

Special thanks to Woody Hayes and Bill Newman and all the secretaries for taking over when we were in classes, and to all the students who took the time to vote. THANK YOU.

Rae Nelson

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ALASKAN PLAYGIRL

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! on your hands and knees.
Sway in obscene array.

Jump; LEAP HIIIIGH!
Writhe down low.
Cartwheel, twist, jerk through the night in gaudy display.

Painted face, bloody hands reaching wide. Yellow eyes luring? Feet numb,
white with cold, Sweaty, ruddy body painting for air.
With shredded green dress,
AURORA, you wretched wench.....DANCE! for me.

E.M. Haines
Chugiak, Alaska

AN INTERVIEW WITH MSCC'S "MAN FOR ALL SEASONS," ALVIN S. OKESON

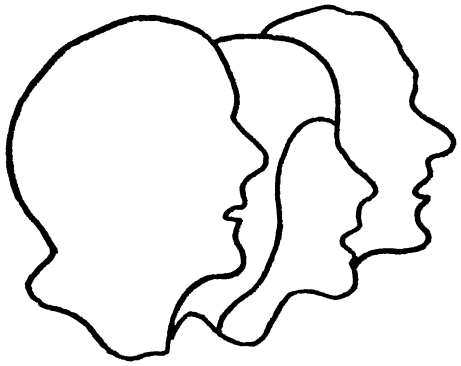
When Al Okeson and his bride, Gloria, came to Alaska in September, 1961, it was to fill the position as Director and part-time Counselor for the Palmer Independent School District and to restart the community college program which had only three classes in session. However, after arriving here, his responsibilities were changed to full-time high school Counselor and part-time Guidance Counselor along with being Director of the community college on a part-time basis. Eight years later, Al found his responsibilities changed again. As the community college grew so did the demands for guidance and counseling and it was at this time that Mr. Okeson started a Guidance Department at Wasilla High School. He was part-time Director of the college and part-time Counselor at the high school for two years. In 1970, he became full-time Director of the community college and all his energy went into revitalizing the college program. Under his administration it has indeed been revitalized! From approximately 24 classes operating strictly out of Palmer High School, part-time evenings, to a three million dollar facility with 600 students; from random courses to specific programs; from only evening classes to both day and evening classes and from a zero full-time staff to a six and one half full-time professional staff (the half being in aviation), plus eight classified staff members.

Although Al's title has been changed from Director to President and his responsibilities have grown considerably, he still directs all his energies to the continued growth of Mat-Su Community College. Inadequate funding won't deter him from looking towards a solid two-year base of courses where students can readily get the courses needed for a two-year degree. He won't let inadequate funding stop him from providing training for specific jobs and to give a lifelong learning experience to the people in the community. He sees MSCC as becoming a resource center as well as being able to assist those individuals who desire a high school diploma. Hopefully, there will be adequate funding so that more day and evening courses can be offered. Of course there are problems but once the biggest obstacle of funding is overcome, then it will be possible to " . . . develop a core of full-time faculty giving leadership to the community."

Sisseton, South Dakota, where Al was born, is a long way from Palmer, Alaska, but the career of the oldest of three boys, has also come a long way. Al obtained his BA degree from Concordia, Moorehead, Minnesota, his MS at St. Cloud. He studied community college administration under a Kellogg Scholarship at Stanford University and took various courses at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Al Okeson, the proud father of three children (two boys, one girl) is also proud of Mat-Su Community College:

> "We have a good start. We have a good solid base which is evident by the number of people who are getting their associate degrees, certificates, and diplomas. On May 9, 16 students will be getting their associate degrees, and approximately five students will be getting their MSCC high school diplomas, ten GED certificates and 15 vocational certificates will also be given. Graduation is May 9 at Palmer High School Little Theater at 8 p.m., and ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND."



Profile

*** JESSIE OWENS ***

by Michele Leonard

JESSIE, friendly and relaxed, is taking life a step at a time. It's no small wonder though, he's been a sourdough of Alaska now for ten years!

JESSIE drove up from Walden, Colorado in 1971 with his new bride of one year, Eva. They bumped and veered their way across the Alcan, or Alaska Highway as it is now referred to, in a '63 Chevy. JESSIE and Eva landed safely in Anchorage which they called home for four years before moving to Palmer. As fortune would have it, upon their first arrival, Eva was able to locate a job as key punch operator; and on this, and the tremulous grounds of faith they were able to survive until JESS found a job as a mechanic at Penneys. He worked there for three years, until he bacame a teamster and advanced to our front, the North Slope. This occupation lasted another three years, with JESS pulling various jobs from truck driving to becoming a foreman.

Since the pipeline days, JESSIE has found bigger and better things to do. He has quit working (lucky guy), and has been attending for several years now, both the U. of A. and our own beloved MSCC. A full-time student, JESSIE is majoring in Biology and hopes to get his degree soon. He is also taking classes this semester in Ecology, Zoology and Chemistry.....Whew! When asked what he would like to see accomplished here at MSCC, JESS immediately and enthusiastically responded with, "A full gammit of lower division courses, especially those in Science and Math; also, approval if possible, for a couple of upper division courses as well". I'm sure we all applaud those constructive ideals.

Although JESS hasn't solidified any concrete plans for the future, he is seriously considering going into research, or as an alternative, teaching as a profession.

Constructive seems to be the key word to JESSIE's nature. As a hobby, he is currently interested in wookwork. JESS has set up shop in his own home and is building furniture.

Recently, his sister and her family moved up here to the Mat-Su area and are now living on Lazy Mountain. It must be nice to have a warm family to share with, "our vast expanse of frozen North".

Before one could further question JESS, he suddenly smiled and requested (if not insisted), "Now don't forget Sheba! She's half Norweign Elkhound and half Cocker Spaniel, and she's OUR DOG! Well JESSIE, we surely couldn't forget Sheba, because you know, it's really unAlaskan not to have at least one loveable canine; and as far as Alaskan's go, you've achieved status as one of the best.

Good to meet you JESSIE OWENS. Hope we'll all be seeing more of you this coming fall semester. Have a sunny summer!

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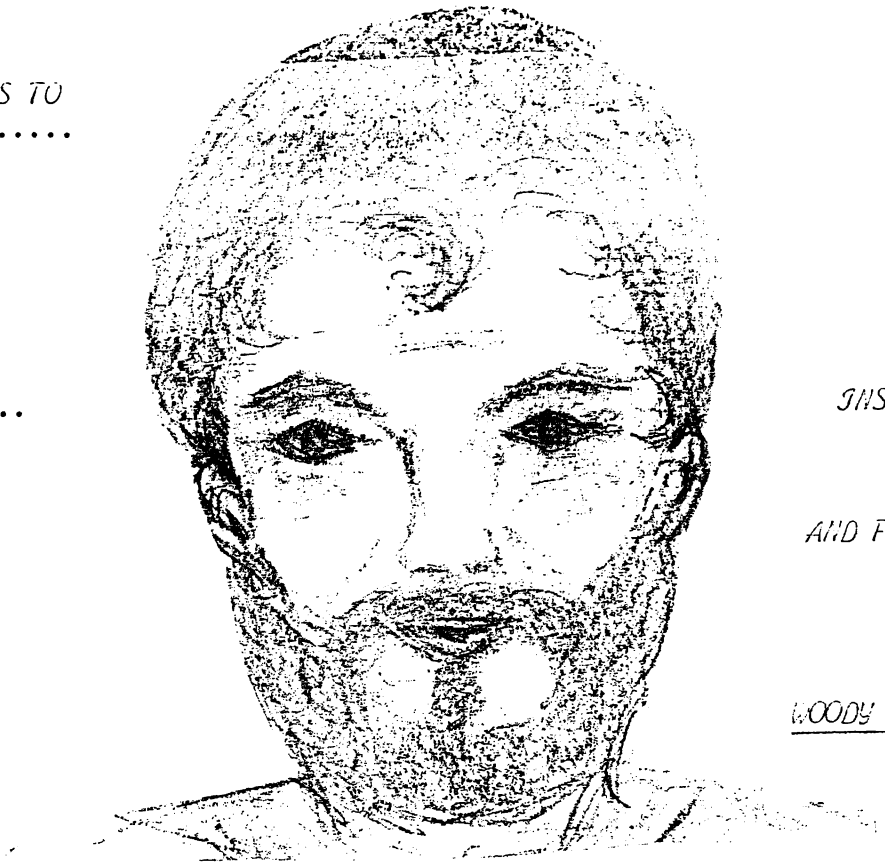
COMPLIMENTS TO
THE EDITOR.....

COUNSELOR...



INSTRUCTOR

AND FRIEND....

WOODY HAYES

Dr. Forrest L. Hayes, known to all as "WOODY" is indeed a friend to ALL. The first time I met him, I regarded him with awe. It was with much trepidation that I walked into his office but the manner in which he took my coat, offered me a seat and aked if I'd like a cup of coffee, told me that here was a man who had a clear understanding of human nature. He knew, without my having said a word, where I was coming from! Once I was stimulated into verbal activity, there was no stopping me. I found myself telling him all; well, almost all. He made me feel relaxed, confident and in complete control. When it was time for me to leave, I felt like I was 10 feet tall and glamorous! I wanted to jump and click my heels and shout for all to hear: I DID IT! I'M GOING BACK TO COLLEGE!

I'm not the only one who has benefited from knowing Woody. In the two years he's been counseling at MSCC, the Tennessee farm boy has seen many students and taught many a psych. class. When I interviewed some of his students, I found that the females had a "definite crush" on him and one went as far as to say that she "wished he could be cloned!" All like him and think that he's understanding and thoughtful: "I don't know any elaborate words to say about him cause if I did I would. I especially like him in his brown and white sweater!" and "Nice and easy to talk to. He does a lot to help you in every way," and "When I first entered his office, I felt warm and welcomed."

Michele Leonard sums it all up in the following: "I first met Woody last year when I was sitting alone in the back shop loom weaving. He walked in, sat down beside me and smiled. He introduced himself as the college's new counselor and Psych. teacher. He was over-whelmingly friendly and showed genuine observance and interest in my project. Woody is a man who shows you that he really cares. Woody has become so much a part of MSCC that one can't imagine the learning process without his guidance. Eager and sincere in his aim; always ready to assist those who need him. His counsel is spoken wisely and gently as if he were searching, in all of us, for that spark of creativity by which we may gain. Woody, a molder of character and an artist in the highest sense. We thank you Dr. Hayes. With all this angelic praise going for him, one might add that he does have a devilish sense of humor. He certainly has a talent for getting a rise out of his students and fellow faculty members. I suppose that comes with the winning smile he insists on wearing like a big satin ribbon tied around his "deviant personality factor!" Even Psyc. teachers have their quirks!"

The only derogatory remark made was by the PSYCH.102 class. It seems that Woody has a talent for playing practical jokes but what he hadn't counted on was that they plan to retaliate. JUST REMEMBER WOODY, WE THINK YOU'RE GREAT BUT WHEN YOU STOP TO SMELL THE ROSES, DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!

Rae Nelson